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THE NEW MINISTRY.

List of Appointments Outside the Cabinet.

FIRST WOMAN MEMBER.

(Reuter's Service).



Telegrams to hand to day give details of further Ministerial appointments under the new Labour Government. The selections are noteworthy for the fact that they include, for the first time in the history of the country, a lady member, Miss Margaret Bondfield, whose photograph appears above. She is made Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Ministry of Labour.

London, January 23.
Additional Ministerial appointments are:

Mr. F. O. Roberts, Minister of Pensions.

[Mr. Frederick Owen Roberts, J.P., a Trade Union Secretary, has been made hon. life vice-president of the Northampton Labour Party. Born in 1876, was educated at a National School, and entered Parliament in 1918 as Labour member for West Bromwich.]

Mr. Patrick Hastings, Attorney-General.

[Mr. Patrick Hastings was born in 1880, educated at Charterhouse, became a mining engineer, served in the South African war, took up journalism, called to the Bar in 1904, and made a K.C. in 1919.]

Mr. H. H. Slessor, Solicitor-General.

[Apparently Mr. Slessor is only just entering the portals of fame. We have not heard of him before.]

Mr. William Graham, Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

[Mr. Wm. Graham was born in Scotland in 1887, and educated at Scottish schools and Edinburgh University. Junior clerk, War Office, 1903; journalist from 1904 to 1918, when he entered Parliament as Labour member for Central Division of Edinburgh. Is a M.A. and LL.B. Authority on economics and statistics, and a University lecturer.]

Mr. John James Lawson, Financial Secretary to the War Office.

[Mr. John James Lawson was born in 1881, educated at a Board School, commenced work as a miner in Durham at twelve years of age, served in the war as a driver in the R.F.A., and was elected Labour M.P. for Chester-le-Street division, Co. Durham, in 1918.]

Mr. Ben Spoor, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and Chief Whip.

[Mr. Benjamin Charles Spoor was born in 1876, and is another

Durham man. Entered Parliament in 1918 as Labour member for Bishop Auckland division, Co. Durham.]

Major C. R. Attlee, Under Secretary for War.

[Major C. R. Attlee is a barrister and a lecturer in social science at the London School of Economics. In early life he was an Imperialist and Tariff Reformer, but joined the Labour Party in 1908, and was the first Labour Mayor of Stepney. During the war he served in France, the Dardanelles, and Mesopotamia. He defeated the National Liberal member in 1922 and gained the Limehouse division for Labour, retaining it last month.]

Mr. Sydney Arnold, Under Secretary for the Colonies.

[Mr. Sydney Arnold was born in 1878, at Manchester. He became Parliamentary Private Secretary to the President of the Board of Education in 1914, holding the post until 1921. From 1912 to 1921 he sat as Liberal member for the Holmforth division of the West Riding. Is a staunch Free Trader.]

Professor Robert Richards, Under Secretary for India.

[Professor Robert Richards, the son of a Welsh mine worker, began his education in the elementary school, and completed it at Cambridge University. He was appointed a lecturer at Glasgow University, and now occupies the chair of Economics at Bangor University. In 1922 he gained the Wrexham seat for Labour from the National Liberal holder.]

Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

[Mr. Arthur Augustus William Harry Ponsonby was born in 1871, the son of General Sir Henry Ponsonby. He was educated at Eton and Oxford. Formerly sat in Parliament as a Liberal, but gained the Brighton (Sheffield) seat for Labour in 1922. Has had a distinguished diplomatic career at European capitals. One of his

publications is "The Decline of Aristocracy."

Mr. Rhys John Davies, Under Secretary for Home Affairs.

[Mr. Rhys John Davies is a leading Labour member of the Manchester City Council, and secretary of the National Union of Distribution and Allied Workers. Fought West Salford as Labour candidate in 1918, but was defeated. Gained Westhoughton (Lancashire) at a later date.]

Mr. William Leach, Under Secretary to the Air Ministry.

[Mr. Wm. Leach is a Bradford worsted manufacturer. He was chairman of the Finance Committee of the City Council three years ago, when the Socialists were the largest party in the council, and was concerned in schemes which were much criticized. He contested the Central Division in 1918 without success. He gained Bradford (Central) for Labour in 1922.]

Mr. James Stewart, Scottish Under Secretary to the Ministry of Health.

[Mr. James Stewart, a member of the Glasgow Town Council, gained St. Rollox (Glasgow) for Labour in 1922.]

Mr. C. G. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty.

[Mr. C. G. Ammon was a Post Office sorter and is an official of the Union of Postal Workers. He has sat as Labour M.P. for Camberwell for some years.]

Mr. Walter R. Smith, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture.

[Mr. Smith is unfortunately unknown to us. Apparently he is a newcomer to politics.]

Mr. A. V. Alexander, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade.

[Mr. Alexander is another elusive personage.]

Mr. Morgan Jones, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education.

[Mr. Morgan Jones, who was elected for the Caerphilly division of Glamorgan at the by-election in August, 1921, was a school teacher from 1908 to 1916 and was imprisoned as a conscientious objector during the war.]

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health.

[Mr. Arthur Greenwood, formerly a lecturer on Economics, has acted as general secretary to the Labour Party's advisory committees. Among other positions which he has held are Assistant Secretary to the Reconstruction Committee, 1917-19; Joint Secretary of the Whitley Committee; and Vice-Chairman of the Minister of Health's and Consultative Council on general health questions. He has sat for some years as Labour member for Nelson and Colne. He was educated at Victoria University.]

Miss Margaret Bondfield, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour.

[Miss Margaret Grace Bondfield is the first woman to hold a Ministerial appointment. She is a lecturer and writer for the Socialist and Labour movement. Born in Somerset; was Asst. Secy. of Shop Assistants' Union, 1898 to 1908; first woman delegate to Trades Union Congress, 1899; delegate to Bernese International Conference, 1918; also delegate to Paris and American congresses; Labour adviser to the Washington Labour Convention, 1919; unsuccessful candidate for Northampton in 1920. She has for some time held the post of Chairman of the General Council of the British Trades Union Congress.]

Mr. E. Shinwell, Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Mines.

[Mr. Emanuel Shinwell is secretary of the British Seafarers' Union, and has been an active leader of the extreme Socialists.

SHANGHAI SENSATION.

BRITISHER SHOT BY FRENCH DETECTIVE.

SEQUEL TO OPIUM SEARCH.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 24.

William H. Shaw, a Britisher, was shot and dangerously wounded by a French police officer who had gone to Shaw's house in an effort to buy opium.

The French police say they had information that Shaw was selling arms and opium, and they sent a detective to attempt a purchase. Shaw and two friends attacked the detective, and the latter fired a revolver shot in self defence. Shaw's friends allege that Shaw and the detective were alone, that Shaw attempted to put the detective out of his home and that the latter shot him.

The police admit that the detective had no search warrant.

Shaw came to Shanghai six months ago from Canada and engaged in prize fights here under the name of "Charlie White."

SHANGHAI UNION CHURCH.

PASTOR TO REMAIN.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 23.

The members of the congregation of the Union Church, following a heated two-hour discussion, voted to sustain the Rev. A. N. Rowland and to reject his offer to resign.

[Recently, the Rev. Mr. Rowland announced his resignation as a result of the controversy between Modernists and Fundamentalists in the church. He stated that the Fundamentalists had objected to the tone of his sermons, but declared that he is not a modernist, and said: "There is a section of the congregation which objects to my preaching. Appreciation and joy of service constitute practically the entire reward of a clergyman, and when appreciation for service rendered, on the part of a large portion of one's flock, then there is not much else left." Mr. Edward Whelan, a prominent teapian, also announced his resignation as Chairman of the Church Board.]

Mr. William Lunn, Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade.

[The cable gives the name as "Lung," but it is evidently Mr. Wm. Lunn, who is a native of Rothwell, for which he is Labour M.P. He was a colliery check-weighman when elected M.P. in December, 1918. He has been actively associated with the Yorkshire Miners' Association, is chairman of the Rothwell Urban District Council, and sits on the Hunslet Board of Guardians. He was one of the Labour delegates who visited Egypt to investigate conditions there. He was born in 1872, educated at a Board School, and started life in a mine pit at the age of twelve.]

All the above-named are members of the present Parliament except Messrs. Slessor and Arnold.

Apparently it is not Mr. John Whitley the artist, who has been appointed Minister of Health. He was the only individual of that name given in the reference books. It is far more likely that the appointment has gone to a present Labour member of Parliament, Mr. John Whitley, of Glasgow. He gained the Shettleston seat for Labour in 1922. A Boilie of Glasgow, he is a prominent figure in the Glasgow Labour movement. He took a leading part in the rent strike in 1920.

on the Clyde. Gained Linlithgow for Labour from the Unionists in 1922.]

SHANGHAI GODOWN FIRE.

COTTON STOCK IN DANGER.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

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(Our Own Correspondent.)

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A BANISHEE.

SENTENCED BY CHIEF JUSTICE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

The only business in the Criminal Sessions this morning was the sentencing of a Chinese named Chung Hung who was charged with returning from banishment. He had been banished previously and was arrested after only six months of his term had expired.

Yesterday the man was sentenced to 10 years' hard labour for being concerned in an armed robbery, and to a further five years for being in possession of arms.

The Chief Justice this morning passed sentence of two years' hard labour on the banishment charge, the sentence to be concurrent with that imposed yesterday.

TO-DAY.

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Barometer 2 p.m. 30.03.

Temperature 2 p.m. 66.

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RAILWAY STRIKE DISORGANISING INDUSTRY.

80,000 WELSH COLLIERS IDLE.

ATTEMPT ON SCOTTISH EXPRESS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 23.

The railway-strike position is easier in London this morning, there being a fair number of trains running. Further, Welsh colliers have been rendered idle.

The defection among the N.U.R. members is increasing at Carlisle, where a joint strike committee has been formed. Mr. J. H. Thomas has resigned the political secretaryship of the N.U.R.

Later. The dislocation of industry in South Wales, owing to the strike, has become worse. It is estimated that over 80,000 colliers are now idle.

The strike committee claim that 150 N.U.R. locomotive men at Derby have joined the strikers.

London and North-Eastern Railway officials report an attempt to interfere with the express from Glasgow to Edinburgh this morning. Pieces of wood and a heavy coping stone were found on the line near Bishopcleeve. A goods train preceding the express cleared the obstruction without damage.

London, January 23.

The railway managers are meeting secretly to consider the locomotive men's request for a conference.

Meanwhile the strike continues to affect industry in various parts of the country and has led to a serious shortage of coal at Liverpool, where cargo boats have already been delayed. A partial hold-up of shipping is threatened and a large oilmill has closed down. Work at Hull Docks is practically at a standstill and some large collieries at Doncaster are partially idle. It is feared that thousands of miners in South Yorkshire will be idle by the end of the week failing an improvement in the situation.

Later. The railway managers' meeting adjourned without arriving at a decision with regard to the locomotive men's request for a joint conference.

NEW GOVERNMENT'S FIRST MEETING.

URGENT PROBLEMS DISCUSSED.

(Special News Service.)

London, January 23.

A communique states that a meeting of the new Cabinet lasted two hours. Preliminary decisions were taken as regards a number of questions, including unemployment, housing, and agriculture, and of matters affecting Ex-Servicemen, with a view to effecting immediate improvements in the administration and working out details of a policy to be announced when Parliament meets.

Washington, January 23.

Mr. Victor Berger, the only Socialist member of Congress, has wired congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, adding: "To-day Americanism and capitalism have come to mean the same thing. The working class of Britain is the hope of the white race and the world, therefore, down with the hellish Versailles Treaty."

CHANCES OF STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

(Special News Service.)

London, January 23.

A matter to which the new Labour Government cannot be indifferent is the strike of engine-drivers and firemen, which has caused considerable disturbance of traffic and personal inconvenience. It is stated that the Labour leaders are unobtrusively making efforts to bring about a settlement. The position in regard to making efforts to bring about a settlement. The position in regard to making efforts to bring about a settlement. The position in regard to making efforts to bring about a settlement.

The railway manager yesterday accepted the request of the engine-driver and fireman for a new conference on the understanding that the managers could not go beyond their final terms, which the Union had rejected on the eve of the strike. The Union immediately repeated their request for a conference to secure "adjustment of differences." Though up to the present no conference has taken place, it is expected that one may be held at any moment.

Outward and visible signs of the Government's preoccupation with the strike was a visit which Mr. Thomas, the new Cabinet Minister, paid this afternoon to a meeting of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, which was discussing the question. The general activities of the Labour leaders have created a certain amount of hopefulness. Mr. Thomas, who is political secretary of the N.U.R., is vacating that position upon his appointment to be Secretary of State for the Colonies. It is stated, however, that he is not resigning the secretaryship of the Union, but will be given long leave of absence. It is indicated that other Trades Union leaders who have accepted Government office will not resign, but will likewise be given leave of absence, at any rate until it is certain how long the Labour Government will be in power.

The Stock Exchange developed a generally strong tone to-day, the outlook being regarded as more settled. Actual business however, was of a professional character, being mainly covering by "bears," who had been selling during the recent nervousness created by the political situation.

DUTCH MINING ENTERPRISE.

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STOCK EXCHANGE RECOVERY.

London, January 23.

The Stock Exchange opened with a confident disposition, the Cabinet appointments being viewed favourably. Gilt edged securities were half per cent. above yesterday's closing prices. Consols were 55½, War Loan 95½ to 96, Railways half to one point higher, and Industrials participating in the rise.

THE DEATH OF M. LENIN.

Riga, January 23.

A message from Moscow states that the 21st inst., when Lenin died, has been declared an annual day of mourning. Theatres and other places of amusement have been ordered to close for a week.

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PRISONERS DISCHARGED IN ARMS CASE.

Four Chinese men and one woman appeared before Mr. Justice Gompertz yesterday afternoon at the Supreme Court charged with being in unlawful possession of two revolvers, one pistol, one spare magazine and 22 rounds of ammunition on Nov. 21st.

All prisoners pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Campbell, Pleader defended two of the male prisoners, the second and third.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, for the prosecution, said that on November 12th, Inspectors Appleton and Lane, with two watchmen, armed with a warrant, went to the ground floor of 22, De Tak Street. The police entered the first cubicle, where the four male prisoners were having a meal. At that time the woman was not there but came in later. She was the wife of one of the male prisoners. When she entered she produced keys and assisted the police in their search. In the cubicle the police found a bag under a stool and they therein found the arms and ammunition. The arms were all loaded.

Mr. Holmes said the case for the prosecution was not that any of the prisoners had the arms with them, but it was for the jury to draw the inference whether the arms were jointly possessed by all or any of the prisoners.

Evidence was called in support of this opening. One witness for the prosecution admitted seeing second and third prisoners enter the house carrying nothing.

Mr. Prosser contended that he had no case to answer in respect of second and third prisoners. First and fifth prisoners lived at the house, but they had it on the evidence of a prosecution witness that second and third had never been there before, or that they had never been seen there before. They were charged with possession. The prosecution could not prove that either man was a tenant or owner of the house. They simply said they were there about no arms were found upon them. They must go further. They must prove knowledge in order to prove their case. The men were found having a meal and they were seen to enter with nothing in their hands. The prosecution had not proved knowledge on the part of second and third prisoners.

Only One Connected.

Mr. Holmes submitted that second and third prisoners had something to do with the premises at the time the arms were found. They might have brought the arms to the house without being seen. Numbers two and three were connected with the premises at a material time.

His Lordship directed that the case go on. He did not think there was much of a case against prisoners two and three, and if the case against them remained the same he would sum up in a manner satisfactory to the defense.

The fourth prisoner said he had no arms and called at the house for his meals twice a day. The woman said that when at the house the first prisoner lived as her husband. She cooked the meals for the other prisoners when they came in the morning.

For the defense the chief clerk of the San Company said the third prisoner had been in the employ of the Company for 11 years and the second prisoner about four years. He gave both a good character.

The jury, after retiring, returned a verdict of guilty against the first prisoner and not guilty in the case of the other four.

The woman thanked the court as she left the dock.

The prisoner found guilty was sentenced to five years with hard labour. The jury was as follows: Messrs. H. H. Taylor, A. T. Smith, H. S. Komer, T. S. P. C. Gifford, F. N. Franco and Hoag Ho-chung.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE NEW BUILDING.

In the course of his annual report, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School, states:

We are glad to report that at last something definite has been done with a view to moving the school to larger buildings with large playing fields. The Government of Hongkong have definitely given to the School, on certain conditions, twenty-three acres of land on three hills adjoining Yau-mat, Railway Station. About thirty-nine thousand square feet of the old site at Bonham Road, on which there has been a school since the year 1850, has been sold at \$11.50 per foot on condition that we vacate the site in February, 1926; the remaining number of square feet, about six thousand, have been sold to the Government for road improvement at \$3.00 per square foot, and in addition the Government undertook to build a large retaining wall to support the road. These sales will bring in about \$466,000, of which sum \$95,000 have already been paid into the bank.

As a result of the appeal for subscriptions for buildings there is a balance of \$50,073.94 in the bank and \$21,470 have been promised. Thus we can see now \$367,543.94 for buildings. In addition we have nearly \$17,000 in an endowment fund and \$20,000 in reserve funds. The committee have decided to spend \$600,000 to begin with, on site formation and buildings sufficient for the present number of boys, i.e., 120 boarders and 300 day boys. The whole scheme is planned for extension so that eventually we will be able to accommodate 800 to 1,000 boys.

In recent years we have turned away so many boys, especially boarders, that it is essential that we should plan for the future. More money is needed for the large hall, a gymnasium, swimming pond and the formation of playing fields, a pavilion, art rooms, engineering shops, library, general equipment, and the many things which an important British Public School should have if it is to set the standard of British education in the Far East.

In addition a school of this kind cannot exist on Government grants and school fees alone; it must have large endowment and reserve funds.

An Appeal.

Most of the great public schools in England, for example, could not carry on without the large endowments which parents, guardians, old boys and friends have bequeathed to them in the past. Therefore, I close this paragraph with an appeal, and it is in the words of the first appeal I made for the School in the first annual report I presented in January, 1919—"I appeal to all old boys, to the parents of old boys and of boys at present in the School, to the great business houses of this Colony who profit largely by the results of the labours of boys from a school like this, and I appeal to all men who have benefitted from the old boarding and day schools in England which were heavily endowed by our ancestors—to all I appeal to come forward and help now" with the Endowment and Building funds in connection with this School.

"In the future honoured will be their names, and I can assure you that as a school connected with the Church of Christ all will be done to the Glory of God and for the extension of His Kingdom."

"I have one more subject to mention briefly," said the Headmaster, in conclusion. "There should be no limits to the extension of Christian education; we have heard much recently, for example, about

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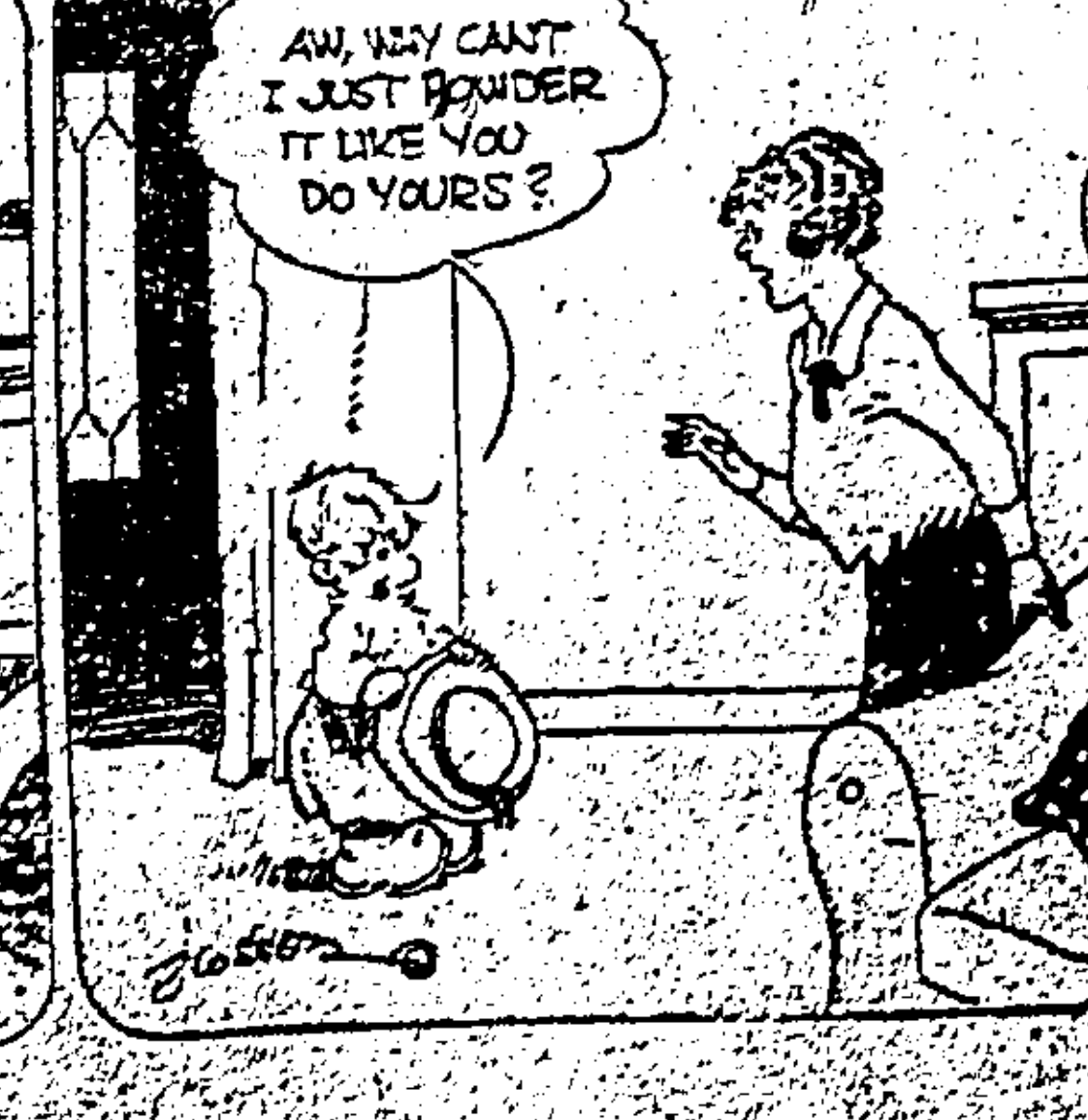
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THE NEW CABINET.

We think the bulk of Home opinion will be favourable to the new Cabinet, and that it will receive the loyal support of Parliament. The first thing that occurs to one on going through the list of appointments is that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has got together quite a useful team, and we may presume that the component members will pull together and get the chariot of State out of the rut into which it has sunk—or so we hope will be the case. One can admire the manner in which the co-operation of men from other parties has been sought by the Labour leader, a sign that he is doing his best to get a workmanlike Ministry together. Every one of the men selected has experience of some kind, and the Labourites who have been chosen are all tried and capable. Naturally there are bound to be openings for criticism. It is impossible to expect perfection, even in Cabinet-making. For instance, it may be queried whether the selected individuals are all sufficiently versed in their particular duties—a coal merchant as Postmaster General, and so forth—but it must be borne in mind that these men really yield to expert advisers, and need not be specialists in their appointments. Certainly, past Cabinets have possibly exceeded this one in variety of choice. One has merely to recall, to take only a single instance, the various appointments that Mr. Winston Churchill has held in his time, to realise that experts at their job are not essential in forming a Ministry. On the whole, therefore, it can be said that the MacDonald Cabinet is about as good as any other.

Obviously, Labour is not going to have matters all its own way. Already, hints are being thrown out that the pet schemes of the extremist section will be quashed directly they show up. The present Cabinet really amounts to a very modified form of coalition; and, put bluntly, it means that the other parties, being unable to take the reins of office themselves, are giving the onerous, and thankless, task to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his followers. It is a response to Mr. MacDonald's appeal for fairplay,

and we presume that so long as nothing too radical is attempted, the Conservatives and Liberals alike will give the new Government every chance. It means that Labour is now on trial, and the next few months will show what the workers' representatives can do when faced with big crises at home and abroad. Who knows but that the men now given high office will be able to accomplish what their predecessors have failed in? Whatever our own political opinions, let us give the new Government a chance of proving itself, and if these humble men and high-born men working side by side can show the Empire the way out of its troubles, we shall be able to rejoice at the circumstances that have made such a combination possible.

Local Radio.

We are beginning to wonder whether the Government's new wireless expert has yet formed any conclusions regarding the conditions under which radio receiving and broadcasting licences may be issued locally. He has been in the Colony some time now and has probably had an opportunity of talking over the question with those interested. Presuming that he is aware of the position at Home and fully acquainted with the pitfalls that have to be avoided, we can see no reason why the whole problem cannot be tackled without any further delay. We have always realised the reasonability of the Government's plea that it does not wish to do anything which might lead to eventual confusion, but surely the issue is not so involved or complex as to need many months of consideration. Besides its own expert, the Government can call in the advice of the Radio Society, and between the two it ought to be easily possible to evolve regulations which will cover the whole question adequately from every point of view. In any event such regulations as are issued can, if found necessary, be revised and amended in the light of actual experience. Under present conditions, Government inactivity is standing in the way of the development of a big industry. It cannot be expected that firms or individuals should spend large sums of money on expensive equipment when there may be a distinct danger of their being unable to use it later. For the sake of the industry and of amateurs interested, we make a plea for early action by the Government. Further delay is wholly unnecessary and unwarranted by circumstances.

Canton's New Move.

The impression we have received of current happenings in Canton is that a big effort is being made to create an impression that Dr. Sun Yat-sen enjoys a far larger measure of popular support than he can in reality claim. Reports state that he has given the rank of military commander to representatives of eight provinces, who are being asked to enlist men and bring them to Canton. These, with the Yunnanese, Hunanese and Kiangsi troops at present in the city, would, according to this idea, be formed into one general military body, and thus Dr. Sun would, at all outward appearances, have the backing of eleven provinces. Bearing on the same idea is the creation of the new and so-called National Government. Apparently this Government is being formed by the Kuomintang Party, or, more correctly speaking, by some two hundred delegates—thereof, what right such a Government would have to describe itself as "National" we cannot see. In thinking over these developments, the idea has occurred to us that this movement to give an importance in the eyes of the outside world to the Sun Yat-sen regime which it does not deserve may not be disconnected with the Customs dispute. During the recent controversy on that subject, stress was laid on the fact that the Canton Government was extremely limited in the scope of its power and authority. Maybe when these new schemes have been put through, the whole issue will again be revived and the new military force and government pointed to as representative of many provinces instead of a mere part of one. But we imagine that few will be deceived by stratagems of this type.

DAY BY DAY.

WILL GIVE YOU A MOUTH AND WISDOM WHICH ALL YOUR ADVERSARIES SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO GAINSTAY NOR RESIST.—*Testament of St. Luke.*

Eleven further Chinese cases of small-pox were notified yesterday.

"The Pharies" of H.M.S. *Titanis* are to appear at the Theatre Royal on February 1st and 2nd.

The a.s. President Jackson due here on the 30th, inst. has on board 364 bags of U. S. mail for Hongkong.

Mlle. Lucy de Smet, the noted classical dancer, is to appear in a ballet concert at the Theatre Royal on the 31st instant.

Lieut. R. R. Beauchamp will lecture to children on "Flags" at the Helena May Institute tomorrow Friday January 25 at 5.30 p.m.—*Advt.*

Sentences of ten years' hard labour and 10 strokes with the "cat" were passed by Mr. Justice Gompertz on the three Chinese yesterday who were found guilty of an armed robbery in Wanchai. The first and third prisoners were further sentenced to five and three years' hard labour respectively on charges of possessing arms, the sentences to run concurrently.

The body of a child, badly mutilated, has been found by the police and sent to the Mortuary from Chinwan. It was minus both ears and there was a gash inflicted across the forehead. Apparently this case is similar to the recent one, in which the body of a year-old child was mutilated after death in conformity with a superstitious fear of evil spirits visiting the parents by the death of the child.

"To-day is the last day of the rural melodrama, 'Quincy Adams Sayer', at the Coronet. The next attraction is 'One Exciting Night', the latest production of D. W. Griffith. Mystery, deep, dark, and inscrutable, surrounds the showing of this picture. It is admitted, however, that there is a 'big' scene in Griffith's best style. It is also known that Carl Dempster is the heroine. Outside of that, all the public can do is to go and see the picture.

Another most successful whist drive was held at the Seamen's Institute last night, there being 43 tables. The winners were—Ladies: 1st, Mrs. White (180); 2nd, Mrs. Mark (179); 3rd, Mrs. Budden (176); hidden number, Mrs. Smith (150); booty, Mrs. Teale (131). Gentlemen: 1st, Mr. Gladhill (281); 2nd, Mr. Gager (176); 3rd, Mr. Irvine (175) 4th, Mr. Kinch (174); hidden number, Mr. Arnold (150); booty, Mr. Olive (140). The next drive will be held on February 6th.

Charged with false pretences on two counts, in that they submitted two pairs of bangles comprised of English sovereigns joined together with chains, to two different pawnbrokers on the pretence that the jewellery was pure gold, three men and two women were remanded on appearance before Mr. G. N. Orme at the Police Court this morning. It was alleged that the chains were of lead, covered with gold. Mr. F. E. Nash represented one of the female accused, whilst Mr. Corbett prosecuted for the pawnbrokers. Bail was fixed at \$500 for each of the accused.

Another of the four men arrested in the recent revolver battle between police and armed robbers appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, on discharge from hospital. This was the man who had a miraculous escape from being fatally injured, in spite of the fact that he had no less than nine wounds when arrested. All the bullets appear to have entered his body and passed out again, without injuring any bones. He was thus enabled to leave the hospital at the same time as a Chinese detective who was shot in the leg in the same encounter. He was remanded.

CHINESE TO AND FROM SINGAPORE.

In the year 1923 the number of Chinese passengers who left Singapore for China was 78,121, as against 95,869 in 1922. The arrivals for 1923 were 159,019, as against 132,888. Of the arrivals 44,000 were women (and children).

SEVEN PIRATES KILLED.

CUSTOMS CRUISER'S GOOD WORK.

STORY OF LAPPA BATTLE. We are able to publish to-day the full story of the sensational happening near Lappa, by which the cruiser Pak Tau, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, fired on and sank a steam launch from Hongkong, and in connection with which Mr. G. G. Perdue, of the Criminal Investigation Department here, has gone to Macao to make investigations.

It appears that a well-known pirate gang leader, named Lum Chau, who is a native of the Sun On district, had planned to carry out a piracy on a passenger junk plying between Hongkong and Shakti. He, with two other men and two women, known to be prostitutes in Macao, came down to Hongkong. On Sunday, the steam launch Kong Tak was hired by them from the Tung Cheong Company, it being stated that they desired to go to Chekwan, near Castle Peak, for the purposes of worshipping at a temple and to carry out mining prospecting. The launch left Hongkong on Sunday afternoon and nothing more was heard of it until it was seen by the Customs cruiser just before mid-day on Monday. What really happened was that when the launch got to its destination a whole gang of pirates came on board, the coxswain and crew of the launch being ordered, at the point of the pistol, to take the launch towards Kung Sing Moon, near Whan Moon, not very far from Lappa. Before the gang could carry out their plans for a piracy, the launch was seen by the Customs cruiser.

The officers of the cruiser report that they saw the launch steaming full speed in an easterly direction. Their curiosity was aroused by the presence on board of a number of people in military uniform and the fact that the launch was not flying the correct military flags. The launch was signalled to stop, but no notice was taken. A rifle shot was then discharged as a warning, but this was promptly replied to by a volley from the launch. A fight then commenced and the officers of the cruiser, in view of the fact that the launch was carrying superior numbers, decided to get out of rifle range and rely on gunfire. A boat, belonging to the Salt Gabelle, heard the gun fire and came up from Tong Ka Wan to render assistance. The retreat of the launch was thus cut off, and the fight continued until about 2 p.m., when the launch was sunk by gunshots. All the people on board were thrown into the water, but 29 persons were picked up by the Salt Gabelle boat and the same number was picked up by the cruiser, among the latter being the two women and seven of the launch crew. It was later discovered that seven pirates had been killed. One of the sailors in the cruiser was also wounded.

The cruiser and guard boat, with the over-powered pirates on board, went back to Lamma and were escorted the next morning to Chinsan by the cruiser Lung Ching. All the pirates were there handed over to the military authorities.

At the time of writing nothing further is known, and the local authorities are awaiting the return of Mr. Perdue for further information.

OVERLOADED FERRY BOAT.

SMART FINE FOR COXSWAIN.

A fine of \$100, or the alternative of three months' hard labour, was inflicted on the coxswain of the steam-launch *Man Tat* this morning at the Marine Court. The launch is one of the new Yamati ferry boats, and the coxswain was charged with carrying 123 passengers in excess of the number allowed. Police Sergeant Hope stated that on the 15th, he stopped the launch whilst it was crossing the harbour from Hongkong to Yamati and counted the passengers. He found there were 264 on board, whereas the boat was only licensed for 141—an excess of 123.

The defendant explained that the launch *Man Sang*, another of the Company's boats, went out of order whilst it was alongside the wharf, and that the passengers on it clambered over and on to his launch. He could not stop them. The Marine Magistrate (Lieut. Conway Hake) imposed the penalty stated above.

A LOCAL CAUSING.

[BY 'IMPRESSIONIST']

The office of Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Canton is not one that can be termed a "soft job" at the present time, for though it may be said that in the matter of foreign affairs, very little diplomatic business can be transacted in view of the Department's delicate position as regards the foreign Powers, in cases where the maintenance of peaceful conditions in the city is the object the foreign Consulates at Shamen have not neglected to seek its assistance when necessary. I was reminded of this when one day, recently, whilst sitting in the building, a message came over the telephone from a certain Consulate to say that a steam launch operating under a flag of its nationality, had been seized by pirates on the river. It is the popular fashion nowadays in Canton to call such forcible seizures "piracies," but in reality nine out of ten cases under record have been traceable to one or other of the many conflicting military groups claiming territorial reservations for the exercise of their "special spheres of influence." The constituted authorities at Canton are unable to deal with these cases themselves, but an appreciation of this helplessness has not prevented the consulates from laying the blame at the door of the Foreign Commissioner in some instances. These communications, I am informed, have been of such frequent recurrence that they have come within the everyday routine work of the Department, and make the office of the Commissioner anything but a bed of roses. The recent action of the French authorities in running down one of these gangs, who had seized a steam launch plying under the tricolor, though regrettable in that much shooting had to be resorted to, may be commended for the salutary effect it had.

The foregoing deals only with one side of the question. The other raises the point of the integrity of purpose which the foreign Powers say is their aim in dealing with the Government now in power at Canton. Are the Consulates, for example, aware that certain foreigners have practically commercialised the use of flags, and incidentally changed the status of Chinese firms to which they lend their connections, in order that the vessels or houses may, by such registration, be immune from seizure by either the City officials or by those lawless characters diplomatically described as "pirates"? It is difficult to comment on the moral viewpoint of such an enterprise, but it is not too hard to understand the complications brought about in many cases in the past. On the other hand, it is a sad commentary on present conditions in the province which the present Government claims to control when its own nationals have to seek protection by the wholesale use of foreign flags. Until an understanding is reached on this subject, it is to be feared that one of the chief causes of friction between the Canton Government and the foreign Powers will continue.

Somebody seems to have taken up the problem of brokers wandering about the streets apparently without a roof to shelter them, and in giving the name of "Exchange Building" to the structure that is going up on a site in Des Voeux Road it is intended that at long last the brokers are to be given a really first-class home. This, I suppose, is an alternative to covering in Ice House Street, but from one quarter an objection is raised as to the choice, in view of the fact that brokers congregating in Des Voeux Road may run the risk of being run down by motor-cars! The man who voices this objection evidently has a kind heart!

BREAKING IT GENTLY.

One of the American telegraph companies is adopting a simple device to prepare recipients of messages for bad news. Whenever a communication reports a death, a serious accident, a sudden illness, or some other event that is likely to cause a shock, a red star is stamped on the outside of the envelope. In deciding whether a message is of such a nature as to require this precaution, the operator or office clerk is supposed to use his own discretion in the matter.

SAIYINGPUN SCHOOL.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

PRESENTATION TO MR. IRVING.

The annual prize distribution in connection with Saiyungpun School took place this morning, when there were present the Hon. Director of Education (Mr. E. A. Irving) who presided over the ceremony, Mr. Teesdale Mackintosh (Registrar of the Hongkong University), Mr. E. Ralph (Inspector of English Schools), Mr. Forest (Inspector of Vernacular Schools), Mr. A. Morris (Headmaster), Dr. T. W. Pearce, Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, Mr. U. Ramjaha, Mr. G. P. de Martin and many others.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Headmaster (Mr. A. Morris) read his report as follows:—

Attendance.—The average for the year under review was 94.7, and the percentage 97.7, which constitutes a record. One hundred and forty-eight, or five-twelfths of the whole school made full attendance, and following the practice of previous years silver badges recording the fact will be presented. This is made possible through the generosity of our many friends. In addition to the foregoing, there are an additional twenty who have made perfect attendance from the date of their admission. All cannot hope to carry off a class prize, or win a scholarship, but an attendance medal comes within the reach of each student. Regularity is the *sine qua non* of progress. The school has remained full throughout the year and large number—hundreds, in fact have been refused admission through the limited accommodation of our present building. We look forward hopefully to the opening of a new school, the foundations of which are approaching completion.

Staff.—There have been a number of changes in the staff. Mr. Hamilton went on leave in February last, his place being taken by Mr. A. White, who is still with us. Miss Bir, together with Mr. Yin Chung Yu, were transferred here after the midsummer vacation, and Mr. Savage commenced duties in December. Messrs. Li Chung Shi, Ng Chae Yan, and Ko Kan Wing resigned. Mr. Leung Yuk Tong was transferred to the Gap Road School, while Mr. Wong Tin Sik returned to the University. Our senior vernacular master, Mr. Chak Pink Ki, was transferred to Queen's College in September last, his place being taken by Mr. Lai Siu Tsun. The teaching staff now consists of three vernacular masters, six local England teaching masters, and five experienced Europeans. Here, I would like to tender my sincere thanks for the wholehearted manner in which my staff has supported me and co-operated in all that has appertained to the welfare of the school, for we work under trying and exacting conditions—in an industrial area, and on the edge of a busy thoroughfare.

Studies.—The general standard of efficiency has been maintained. Map-drawing, handwriting, English conversation and composition call for special mention. All the students of Class 4 A, thirty-four in number, succeeded in passing the qualifying entrance examination to Class 3, Queen's College. This is a creditable performance when it is remembered that we had a shortened year, a more searching test, and a higher "Pass" mark—60% instead of the 50% of previous years. Class 4 completed the year with 63 on the roll. A unique experience occurred in connection with this examination. Two boys who were in situations left them and returned to school in order to take their "leaving" examination. I mention this incident as it indicates the keenness and the spirit which permeates the school.

Discipline.—The tone and discipline are excellent.

Sports.—While concentrating most of our energies upon lessons, the physical side has not been neglected, and although handicapped for playing ground in the vicinity of the school, we have done well in sport. Football, volleyball, and swimming are the principal recreations. Our volleyball team which won the Junior Shield, did not lose a single game and scored to its credit the maximum number of possible points. One hundred and twenty attended the swimming classes at the Y.M.C.A. and acquired the art which they were able to practice further at the launch and bathing picnics, and which are as popular as at the time of their inception, nearly twenty years ago. I attach great importance to these

outings, for they supplement the teaching of the class-room and bring pupil and teacher into a more intimate relationship, enabling the one to understand the other better.

Scouts.—Through the generosity of our esteemed friend and patron, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, we have been able to continue the activities of our Troop which spent a week in camp at Tai Po Market, at the home of Mr. Mok Ching Kong. There have been field days at Fanling, Shatin, Sheung Shui, and other places in the New Territory. In this connection, we have to offer our thanks to Sir Robert Ho Tong, Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, Dr. Wan Man Kai, Messrs. C. H. Blason, Chan Harr, Woo Hay Tong, and Lui Lai Sang Sang, who have made donations to the camp expenses. Our Scouts assisted in the recent vaccination campaign also. Mr. Leung Yuk Tong, the Scout Master, although transferred to another school, still maintains his interest in the Troop, and is assisted by Mr. Kong Kam Chuen who is on our staff.

Ambulance.—The "Old Boys Ambulance Division" under the able guidance of Sergt. Leung Sui Sang, performed much useful night work during the vaccination crusade, vaccinating 1,832 persons.

Charity.—It is said that "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and once again our boys were called upon to show their practical sympathy with the parents of a school fellow not so well blessed with this world's goods, and to give in the cause of charity. The lad succumbed after a few days' sickness. The last rites were arranged by classmates, the funeral expenses paid by the school, and a substantial sum handed to the bereaved parents. Never have I witnessed a more impressive sight than this funeral procession, wending its way up the road outside, in an orderly, decorous manner, attended as it was by the whole school—masters and pupils. "One touch of pity makes the whole world kin."

Medical.—During October a medical examination was conducted by Dr. Esler. Numerous "eye" cases were treated and spectacles supplied. Others necessitating operative and indoor treatment were catered for at the G.C.H. to the genial and courteous superintendent of which, Dr. McKenny, we offer our best thanks. The re-vaccination of our scholars was arranged by Dr. McKenny also. To Dr. Tsiu Hin Yeung, of the Western Dispensary, we are greatly indebted. Dr. Tsiu has treated a large number of minor ailments, and scarcely a week passes but that boys are sent to him for treatment.

General.—The school continues to serve a useful purpose as the "Practising School" for the University Education Under-graduates. On Oct. 31st, we mercifully escaped what might have been a serious calamity had it occurred during school hours. The nullah which passes under Room 4 was choked during the unprecedented rainfall of that date, and burst through the floor sweeping everything before it, desks, cupboards, doors, and massive granite coping stones, some of which were washed as far as No. 7, Police Station. We re-occupied this room just ten days ago.

The names of fourteen past pupils appear among the successful candidates at the recent University examinations. Matriculation.—One, Yau Fung Hon, (Distinction in Physics) went to Queen's College as an Alan Morris Memorial Scholar. Senior, one; junior, twelve, one of whom, Cheng Lu Man, also holding an Alan Morris Memorial Scholarship, gained no less than five distinctions.

Donors of Special Prizes.—Referring to the donors of Special Prizes a significant and encouraging feature is the large proportion of past pupils and guardians who have contributed this year.

Through the open-handed liberality of these gentlemen we are able to supplement our prize list, and make awards other than those for "general proficiency" e.g. attendance badges, that would be impossible otherwise.—Capt. Hall, Messrs. Ho Kom Tong, Yeung, Shui Him, Lee Hy San, Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, Messrs. Mok Koon Sang, Chan Shan Shek Shan, Im Pun Tak, the late Mr. Ng Sau Sang, Mr. Wu Nam Tin, Messrs. Kwok Siu Lau, Ip Lan Chuen, Lo Chop Son, Ho Fook, U Cheuk Nam, Choy Chong, Choa Po Sien, H. Shai Kit, Ip Sau Chi, U Cheuk Sang, Ha Chung Chou, S. C. Pang, P. K. Kwok, Fung Ping Shung, U To Ting, Hu Hi Tong, Ho Leung, Wong Kam Tuk, Mok Ching Kong, Dr. Wan Man Kai, Sir Robert Ho Tong, Chau Tung

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In conclusion, to those who have not gained awards I wish to give a few words of encouragement and consolation. In your class one must be at the top and another at the bottom, but if the bottom boy has striven and done his utmost, he has done his best; that is all that the most exacting teacher can expect. Never despair; plod steadily on; you may yet win the race.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS.

The Hon. Mr. Irving then distributed the prizes. From the lengthy list we take the following winners of Scholarships:—

Class 4 A.—Pong King Cheung (Alan Morris Memorial), Li Po, Hui Pak May, Chan Wai Man, Lun Wai Ling and Leung Chau Kwong (Government, Full); Tam Kam Lu and Wong Yue Sun (Government, Half).

Class 5 A.—Chan King Man (Government) and Chan Mo Yau (Ho Kom Tong).

Class 6 A.—Yau Pak Tung (Government) and Leung Mo Shun (Ralphs).

Class 7 A.—Kong Sau Yuen (Government) and U Wing Ki (Mok Kan Sang).

Class 8 A.—Ng Shu Sun (Government) and Tang Kun Sang (Mok Kan Sang).

PRESENTATION TO MR. IRVING.

At the conclusion of the distribution of awards, the Headmaster said:—"Boys, Prize-giving is an occasion of joy and rejoicing for most of us, but I have to sound a note of sincere regret to-day. Mr. Irving, our Director of Education, the gentleman who has just given you your well-merited prizes, will not preside on any of our future Speech Days. Last year we were honoured with the presence of Mr. Irving, who graced our proceedings before leaving for home, and bidding the Colony farewell. Mr. Irving is leaving Hongkong soon, retiring from Government service. For the last nineteen years I have known him as the head of our Education Department. He has watched with paternal care and solicitude our school grow, our efforts in the cause of education, and, as you say in Chinese, 'has been a good friend of this school.' I take it as a great compliment to our school that he himself is here to-day, but at the same time I am sorry that he will not be here to see the inauguration of the new Saiyungpun School in the details of which he has greatly interested himself. Shortly we have to wish him good-bye and Good-speed. This parting time comes to each one of us. Before the year is out, some of you will have written your last exercise here, worked your last problem, passed your last examination. A few weeks ago I said farewell to 63 of our senior boys—boys unmatched anywhere—and I am confident that these occasions are times of genuine regret to each one. In wishing you 'Adieu' Sir, be assured that you carry with

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you to England the good wishes of all of us—pupils and staff. To Mrs. Irving please convey our best wishes also. May God of His infinite goodness grant you long life, health, and happiness to enjoy with your family the years of your retirement in the Old Country. Now, Sir, on behalf of our school and as a memento of this occasion, I have to ask your acceptance of this souvenir. I will now read the address."

Accompanying the address were a brooch for Mrs. Irving and a cigar box for the retiring Director of Education. The address, which was beautifully inscribed by the one of the pupils, Sung Chun-wu, read as follows:—"Presented to the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education, on the occasion of his retirement from the Government Service, as a mark of appreciation and esteem for the great interest he has always manifested in this School.—Staff and Pupils of Saiyungpun School, Hongkong, January 24th, 1924."

MR. IRVING'S SPEECH.

In his reply, the Director of Education expressed his thanks and appreciation for the presents given him. He said he must say a few words to compliment the Headmaster for the very satisfactory condition of the school as illustrated and made clear to the public in the report, though it was known to his Department without the report at all. Looking back over a period of 23 years that he could remember, the school, he could testify to the extraordinary changes which which come within his personal experience. He remembered clearly the first day of his coming there. The school was housed in this building, though it then had not the upper storey they were gathered in that morning. The total staff consisted of three Chinese masters, and the Headmaster was Mr. Fung Fu, who was now retired on pension and had been an example of the proverb that "pensioners were long-lived" and he had set him

a good example.—(Laughter). At present the staff consisted of fifteen teachers, six of whom were English. He thought Mr. Morris said fourteen in his report. He hoped he had not mislaid one of them.

Mr. Morris (interrupting)—Myself.—(Laughter).

Continuing, the Director of Education said that in the interests of justice he must point out that the success of the School really commenced from 1906 when Mr. Morris first joined it. The period of 1901-1902 might be comparable to the butterfly's egg. The next 10 or 20 years might be comparable to the chrysalis stage. He would not trace the progress of the school to the butterfly stage because that had yet to come. But he ventured to say that this school was going to take a great step forward shortly. He did venture to prophecy two things about it—it would become the most important school in the western district and it would also become the best practising school from here to Hankow and even to Peking. He might live long enough to hear at home that this prophecy had been fulfilled. In conclusion he thanked them very heartily in the name of his wife and in his own name for the presents they had given them. His wife would have pleasant recollections of the school (she had distributed the prizes at the school a year ago), and he thought the brooch they had given her would be for her a lasting souvenir. Referring to the cigar box which was his present, Mr. Irving expressed the pleasure it would give him in the future to make use of it. "I see myself going to my sideboard where this box will occupy a place of honour, and I shall take a cigar from it and it will be smoked ceremoniously on the altar of old acquaintance."

(Applause).

The usual cheers brought the proceedings to a close.

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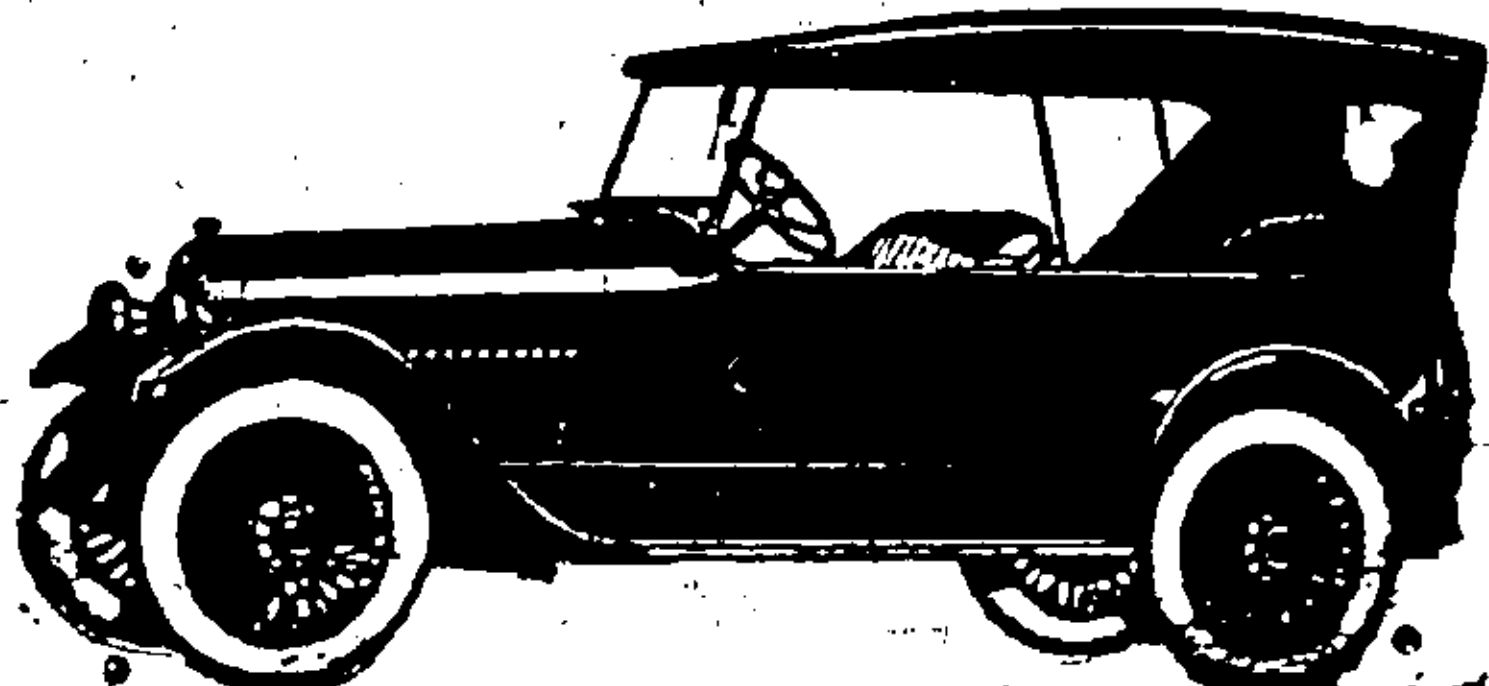
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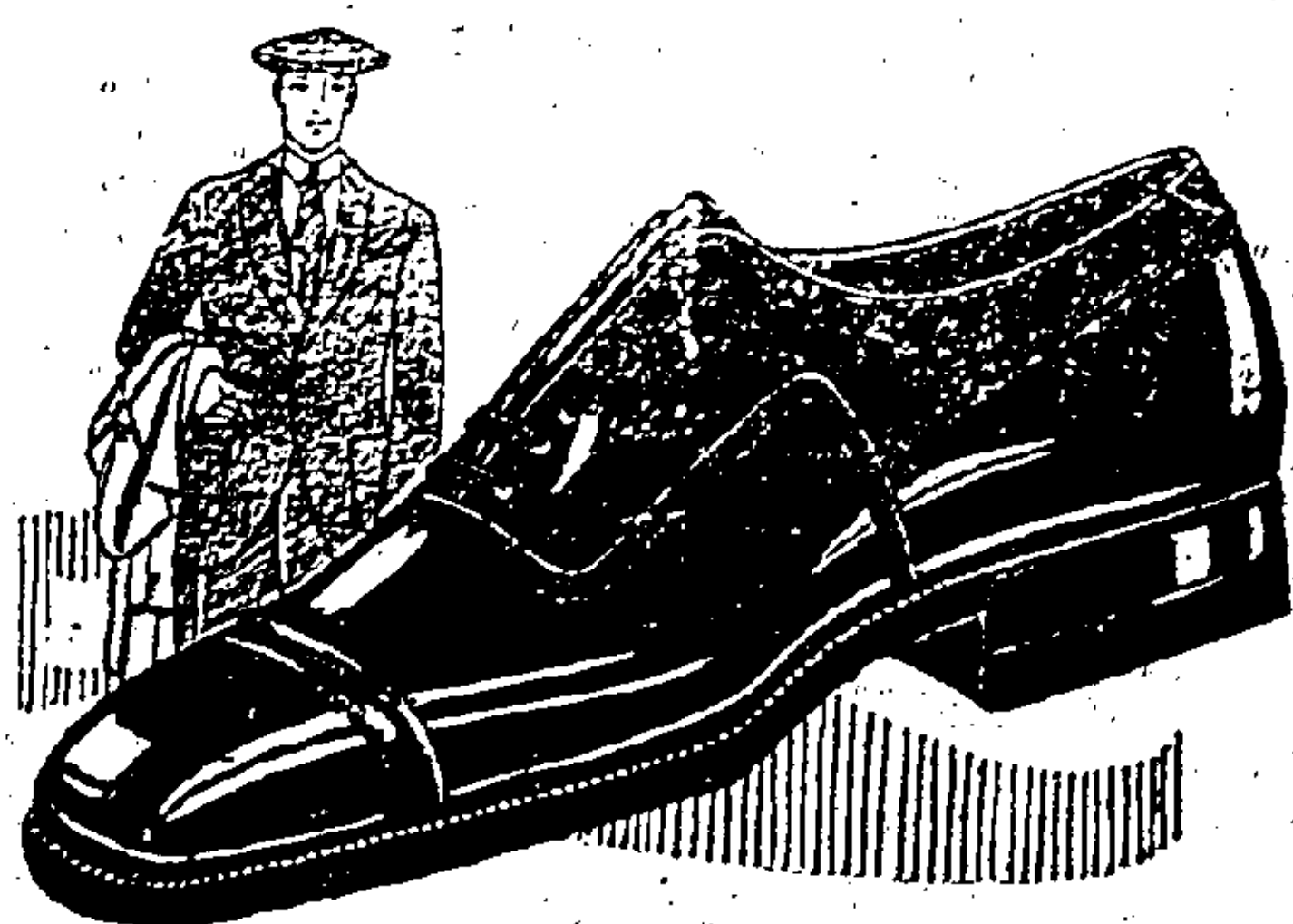
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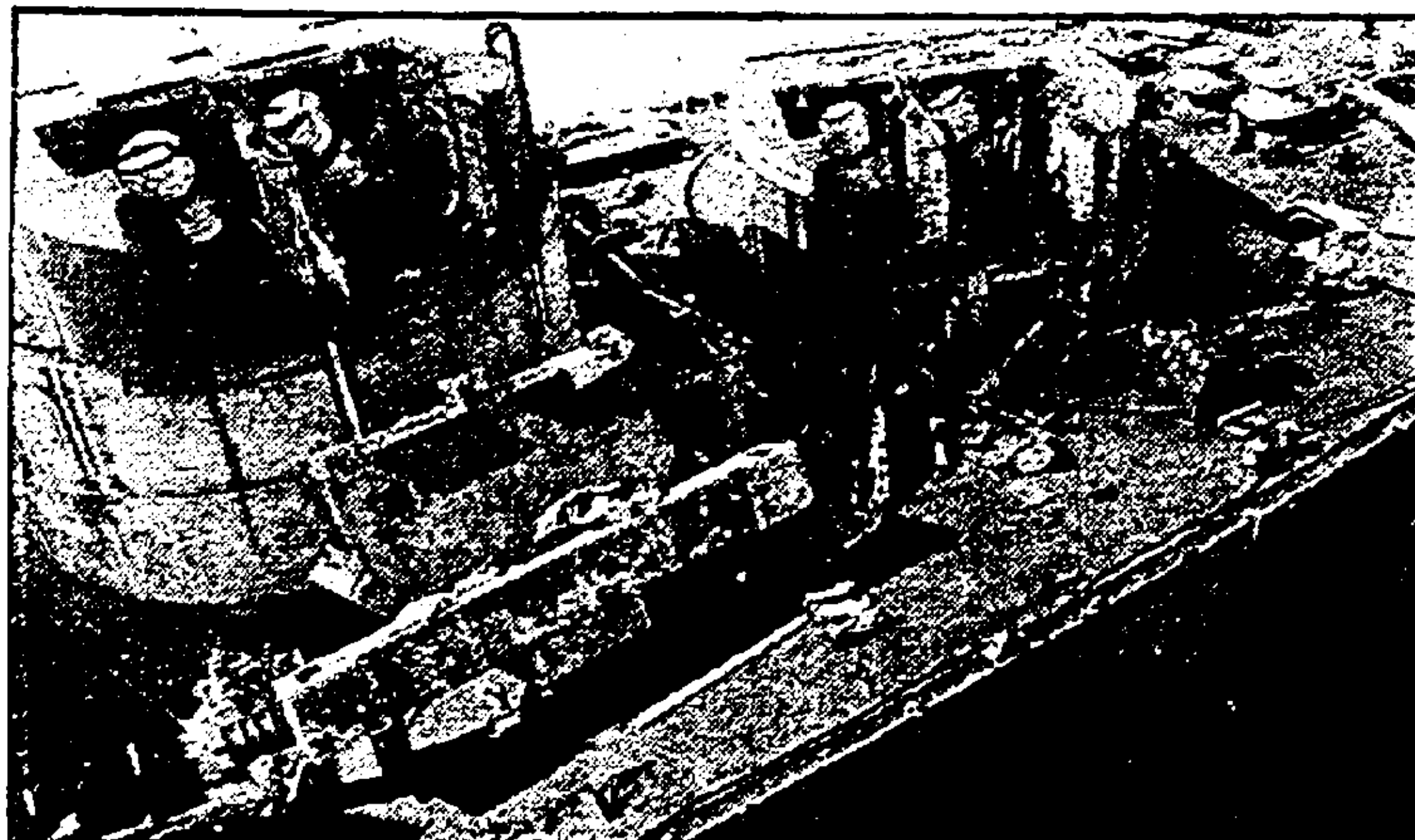
Between them these two men will run things in the present session of the House of Representatives. Left shows Speaker Gillette and right, Congressman Longworth of Ohio, just chosen Republican floor leader.



General Seliveroff, commander of an infantry division of the czarist armies of Russia, now earns his living selling newspapers in Belgrade.



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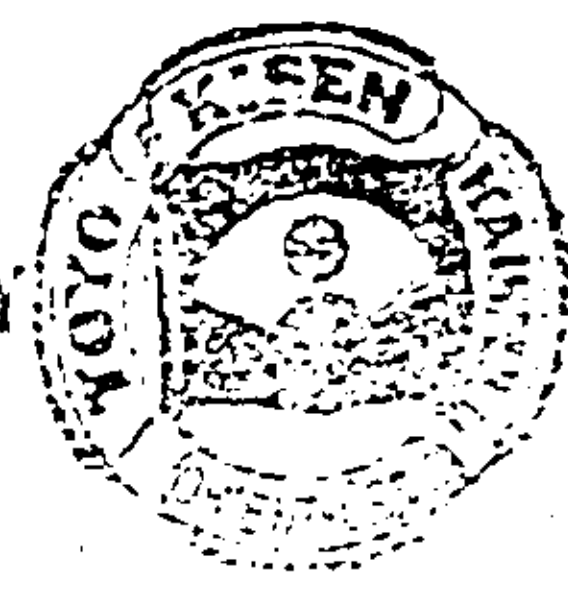
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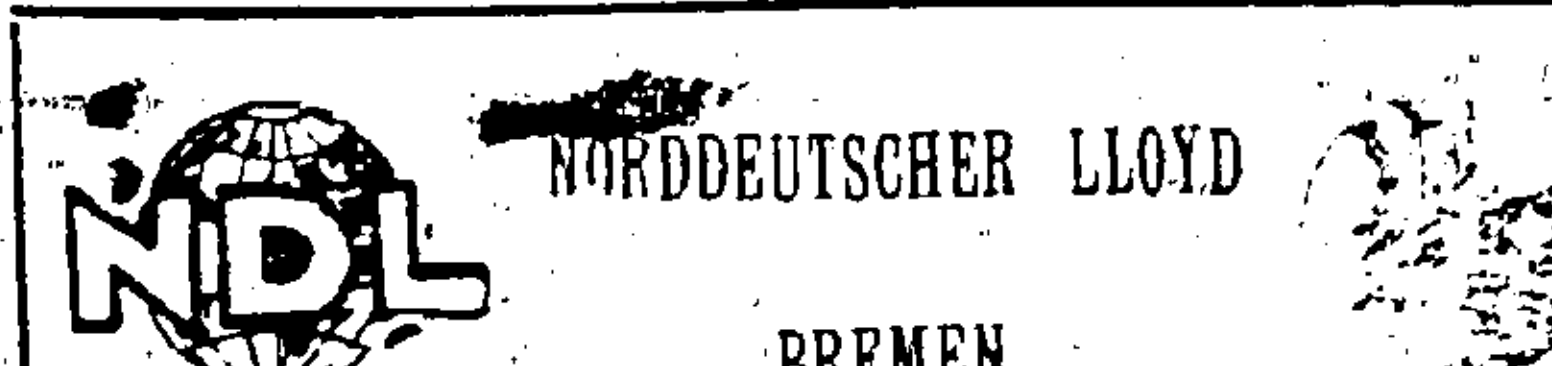
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"COELENZ"	6,150	2nd May	Rotterdam and Hamburg.
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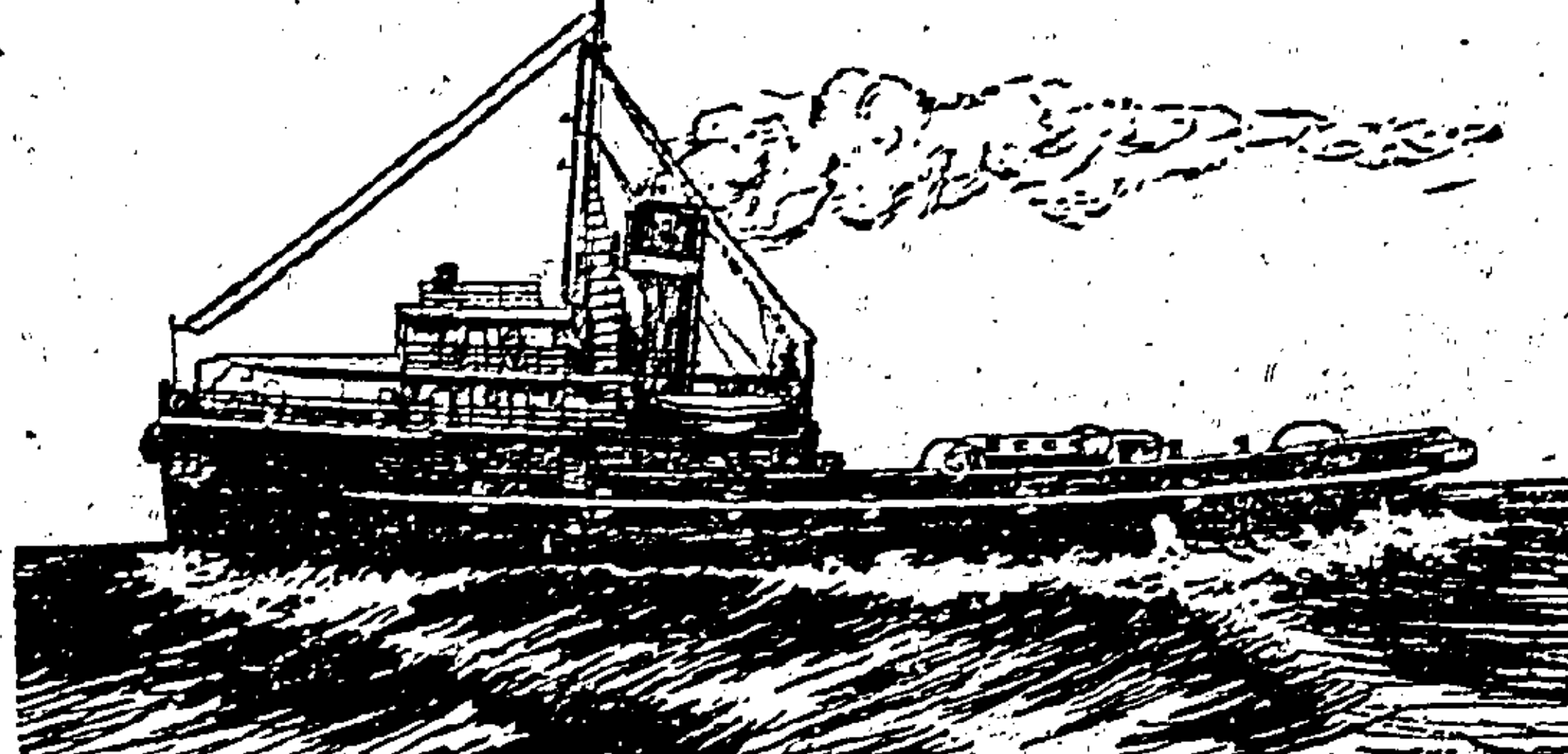
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SOUHAN	6,696	16th Feb.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
MOREA	10,911	23rd Feb.	B'bay, M'les, L'don, A'werp
ALIPPORE	5,273	24th Feb.	S'pore, Colombo & Bombay
NAGPORE	5,283	4th Mar.	S'pore, Colombo & Bombay
PERIM	7,648	8th Mar.	M'les, London & Antwerp
KARMAIA	9,098	8th Mar.	M'les, London & Antwerp

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WARINA	3,120	26th Jan.	Bangkok only
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	2nd Feb.	Manila, S'kan, Thurs. Is.
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KARMAIA	9,098	27 Jan. 10 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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PERIM	7,648	1st Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
EASTERN	4,000	2nd Feb.	Moji & Kobe
SOUHAN	6,696	4th Feb.	Shanghai
NALDERA	15,993	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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CORILLERE	14th Feb.	15th Feb.	18th Feb.
ANGERS	10th Jan.	11th Jan.	24th Mar.
CHILI	24th Jan.	24th Jan.	29th Mar.
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SUWA MARU ... Wednesday, 30th Jan. at 11 a.m.

FUSHIMI MARU ... Wednesday, 13th Feb.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

MITO MARU ... Middle of Feb.

LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES & VALENCIA.

DURBAN MARU ... First half of Feb.

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NISHIMA MARU ... Monday, 25th Jan. at 11 a.m.

AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 13th Feb.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

MAYEASHI MARU ... Tuesday, 12th Feb.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

KANAKURA MARU ... Sunday, 17th Feb.

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.

MOJI MARU ... Monday, 28th Jan.

HAKODATE MARU ... Wednesday, 6th Feb.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

MALACCA MARU ... Tuesday, 29th Jan.

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OSAKA MARU ... Monday, 11th Feb.

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MANILA ... Yuensang	Sat.	26th Jan. at 11 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta ... Fooksang	Tue.	29th Jan. at 3 p.m.
RANGOON via Swatow Fooksang	Tues.	29th Jan. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Hoihow Chunsang	Wed.	30th Jan. at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Wosang	Thurs.	31st Jan. at noon.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Yatsing	Thurs.	31st Feb. at 7 a.m.
TTAO via S'ow & S'hai Kwongsang	Sun.	3rd Feb. at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Loksang	Wed.	6th Feb. at 7 a.m.
YOKOHAMA via Kobe Laisang	Fri.	8th Feb. at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta ... Kutsang	Wed.	13th Feb. at noon.
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Tjipanas	Java	In port	26th Jan.	Saigon
Tjiluwong	S'hai-M'sar	27th Jan.	28th Jan.	Shanghai
Tjikini	Japan	27th Jan.	29th Jan.	Makassar
Tjikembang	N. China	27th Jan.	29th Jan.	Batavia
Tjikobet	Java	1st Feb.	3rd Feb.	Yokohama
Tjimanok	Java	1st Feb.	4th Feb.	S'hai & Daly
Tjibesar	Pacific O.	5th Feb.	—	—
S'gii	Bangkok	6th Feb.	—	—
Tjibondari	Shanghai	12th Feb.	14th Feb.	Batavia
Tjikobet	Shanghai	26th Feb.	23th Feb.	Batavia
Tjibesar	Japan	29th Feb.	2nd Mar.	Makassar

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong
"Telegraph.")

Local Muslims.

Sir,—With reference to the letter published in your issue of yesterday's date over the signature of "A Hongkong-Born Member" I feel called upon to reply to some of the statements contained therein, as one of the four lectures which your correspondent says were delivered in "most imperfect English" were from me.

While I would not be so presumptuous as to claim a perfect knowledge of the English language, as it is not my mother tongue, I have no hesitation in saying that the lecture delivered by me was in perfectly simple and plain English, intelligible even to the meanest understanding, and if your correspondent was unable to follow the lecture, I can simply pity his condition. The subject dealt with was "Evil and Good in Man," and the whole lecture was based on chapter XCV of the Holy Koran. The manuscript is still with the Society and can be inspected by any Moslem to satisfy himself that it was in accordance with the teachings of the Koran. Nothing had been "extracted" from English books, although there would be no harm if one did so.

Were I to take up the same attitude as your correspondent has done and indulge in personal recriminations I can challenge his English, his Chinese and his Hindustani and even his knowledge of the Islamic faith. But the pity is that your correspondent has appeared in the press under the sheltering guise of a *nom-de-plume* which makes it impossible for me to judge of the worth and abilities of my opponent; and considering that it is futile to argue with those who take their stand behind the curtain I will conclude with a request to all the members of the Islamic Society not to take the vituperations of your correspondent seriously.

Yours etc.,

F. Z. ABBASY.
Hongkong, Jan. 23rd, 1924.

CRICKET.

PEAK v. REST.
A match will be played on the H.K.C.C. ground on Saturday between teams representing Peak residents and The Rest as hereunder.

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Rest:—E. J. E. Mitchell (capt.), E. G. Lammert, Rev. T. B. Powell, D. E. Donnelly, Lt. Armstrong, Lt. Allfree, R. E. Lindell, J. P. Robinson, A. W. Ramsay, S. Jex and R. Pestonji.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI in a League match against the Navy 2nd XI:—E. C. Hagen (Capt.), G. H. Piercy, C. V. Mark, D. H. F. McMaster, P. Jack, J. A. H. Plummer, R. Stock, D. E. G. Nicholson, R. M. Macapine, J. N. Owen and C. R. Baron.

NEW CANTON BONDS.

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A Canton report states that the Finance Department has drawn up regulations for the issue of bonds of the value of three million dollars, these being of the respective denominations for \$50 and \$10, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. monthly. The bonds are to be repaid in monthly instalments after a period of six months.

The bonds are to be guaranteed on the revenue from the registration fees on rice fields, the stamp duty and the fees from the registration of private property. They can be used for the payment of various taxes and will be issued as soon as the Chamber of Commerce and the various Guilds have been notified.

WEATHER REPORT.

Jan. 24d. 11h. 23m.—Pressure has decreased moderately from Shanghai to Hongkong and slightly over Formosa and Indo-China. It is nearly stationary over the Philippines.

The anticyclone is "probably moving eastward." Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.25 inches, against an average of 0.87 inches.

IMPROVING GERMAN CURRENCY.

BANK PRESIDENT'S WARNING.

(Reuter's Service.)

(Continued from Page 1.)

Berlin, January 23. The President of the Board of Directors of the Rentenbank has informed the Ministers of Finance and Foreign Affairs that the stabilisation of German currency cannot be effected if it is necessary to continue to pay the costs of the garrisons in occupied territories, as these cannot be met by loans or available resources, and the meeting of them would lead to further inflation. The Ministers have promised to submit the matter to the Cabinet.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LIQUOR TREATY.

Washington, January 23.

The Anglo-American Liquor Treaty was signed at the State Department to-day.

Sir Auckland Geddes and Mr. Hughes signed the Treaty, which, however, requires the ratification of the treaty after a twelve-month. One clause provides that if, owing to a judicial decision or legislative action, the terms are modified, the whole Treaty shall be abrogated. A provision is also made for a joint commission to settle claims for compensation where a British vessel suffers loss or injury through any unreasonable or improper exercise of the rights conferred by the Treaty.

FRENCH EMBARGO ON FOREIGN GOODS.

Paris, January 23.

M. Poincare has tabled a Bill authorising the prohibition of importation of foreign goods not corresponding to national necessities, with a view to the restoration of the franc.

LATEST EXCHANGE RATES.

(Special News Service.)

London, January 23.

Exchange quotations are as follows:—Paris, 94.3; New York, 4.213; Brussels, 103.5; Geneva, 24.5; Amsterdam, 11.395; Milan, 97; Berlin, 18½ billion; Stockholm, 16.35; Copenhagen, 26.02; Christiania, 30.37; Vienna, 302,000; Prague, 164; Helsingfors, 169; Madrid, 33.25.

SEPARATIST CLERGYMEN WARNED.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 23.

The French military police are holding an investigation against a number of Palatinat clergymen who defended their position with regard to the decree by General Demetz prohibiting them from dwelling in the pulpit upon the Separatist movement.

WHO WILL SUCCEED LENIN?

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 23.

The Union of Soviet Republics, which will probably meet at Moscow on Saturday, is expected to elect either M. Kamenoff, M. Rykoff or M. Stalin as successor to Lenin as Chairman of the Council of Peoples' Commissioners. M. Trotsky is expected to return to Moscow to attend the burial of Lenin.

FRANCE AND THE VATICAN.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 23.

The formal reconciliation of France and the Vatican has been secured by a letter from the Pope to French Bishops acknowledging the private character of French Catholic churches in accordance with the 1905 Law.

ITALY AND YUGO-SLAVIA.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 23.

The Yugo-Slavia Premier, M. Pasich, accompanied by the Foreign Minister, M. Nincich, will arrive in Rome on Friday to sign the Treaty between Italy and Yugo-Slavia.

AMERICA AND MEXICO.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 23.

According to Washington reports, both President Coolidge and Mr. Hughes are firmly resolved to defend all foreign interests in Mexico and to prevent other Powers taking measures inconsistent with the Monroe Doctrine.

(Reuter's American Service.)

U. S. OIL LAND DISPUTE.

Washington, January 23.

It is stated that President Coolidge regards the allegations in connection with the leasing of oil lands so seriously that he has instructed the Attorney General closely to follow the proceedings of the Senate Investigation Committee with a view to taking criminal proceedings if justified.

CANADA INTERESTED IN ARCTIC REGIONS.

Washington, January 23.

A message from Ottawa says the Government has requested the British Embassy at Washington to keep it fully posted regarding the United States' plans for an airship trip to the Arctic, where Canada claims vast areas by reason of adjacency and exploration.

U.S. RAILWAYMEN'S PAY TO BE INCREASED.

New York, January 23.

The central railway lines have agreed to raise the wages of 15,000 engineers and firemen by approximately five per cent.

AMERICAN GOLF RESULT.

San Francisco, January 23.

Havers and Ockenden defeated the local professionals, Nagle and Novak, by 5 and 4 in a thirty-six holes match.

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PRINCE TO MARRY CANADIAN
GIRL.

An Ottawa message says Prince Eric of Denmark, who runs a ranch in Western Canada, is engaged to Lois, granddaughter of Mr. John R. Booth, the multi-

millionaire lumberman. A Copenhagen message says it is officially announced that Prince Eric on the occasion of his betrothal has renounced his right of succession and the title of Prince.

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